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1. The official title of this combine is Kombinat Secera i Vrenja na Cukarica (Sugar and Yeast Combine at Cukarica)*; it is located on Radnicka Ulica in Cukarica, a suburb of Belgrade. According to the production plan of the combine, the sugar producing section is to work during a five and one-half month period. In 1949, however, the plant worked only one and one-half months, because of a shortage of sugar beets, accompanied by a lack of transportation facilities to carry the beets to the factory. The director of the combine is Vladislav Zeravic
2. During the working period, the factory operates in three eight-hour shifts and employs approximately 1,200 persons, of whom 800 are unskilled. The permanent labor force numbers 400, of whom 200 are clerical help. During the off-season the factory operates only on one eight hour shift. According to the plan, 14,000 carloads of sugar were to have been produced during 1949 but actually the factory turned out only 8,000 carloads.
3. Coal, the principal fuel in use at the factory, is obtained from Serbian mines. Machinery in use at the factory is old but in good condition. The factory has its own motor pool, consisting of seven trucks and three automobiles. Sugar beets are transferred from barges on the Sava River to the refinery via a narrow gauge railroad.
4. The distillery, which occupies an area of approximately 12 acres, is bounded on the north by the Belgrade-Cukarica highway, on the west by Pastaviceva Ulica, on the south by a narrow-gauge railroad station, and on the east by the Jugopetrol (formerly Shell) gasoline storage tanks. A narrow gauge track leads into the distillery yard. The distillery produces alcohol and yeast from the by-products of the sugar refinery.
5. The estimated productive capacity of the distillery is eight to nine carloads daily, although during 1949 it produced 75 per cent less than the quota figure, largely because of a shortage of raw materials, which forced its operating period to two months.
6. The planned export figure for alcohol in 1950 is 50,000 carloads. Most alcohol exported up to the present has gone to Austria. The greater part of the

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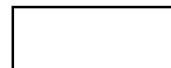
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production of the sugar factory is consumed in Yugoslavia, although a small amount is exported.

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 Comment: There are eight sugar factories in Yugoslavia, at the following cities: Cukarica, Petrovgrad, Crvenka, Vrbas, Belje, Osijek, and one in Dalmatia. The largest of these is in Petrovgrad and has a capacity of 18,000 carloads during the working season. During the night of 3 January 1950 a fire, presumed to have been deliberately set, broke out in the laboratory of the sugar factory in Cukarica. Two persons were arrested. Damage amounted to approximately 150,000 dinars.

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